to construct a 41 m high concrete dam at Marora village under Nayar Dam Project. As the Satpuli Motor way is quite high above the maximum reservoir level, there is no danger to the said Motorway.

Misutilised fund for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit

2003. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the expenditure under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme have been either diverted, parked or misutilised in the past many years;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated during the last three years and the land irrigated each year; and

(c) what are the steps Government is taking to directly send the funds for the specific projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) In the Report of the Comptroller & Audit General of India on Union Government for the year ended March, 2003, titled performance appraisal of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), diversion, parking and misutilisation of funds was reported.

(b) The year wise details of Central assistance provided to the States during 2004-05 to 2006-07 and potential creation under AIBP during the corresponding period are given in the following Table:

(*Amount in Rs. crore and Irrigation potential in lakh Hectare*)

Sl. No.	Year	Central Assistance Provided during the year under AIBP (Loan/Grant)	Irrigation potential created under AIBP
1.	2004-05	2867.3372	4.96
2.	2005-06	1900.3142	6.00
3.	2006-07	2301.9722	9.32
	TOTAL	7069.6236	20.28

(c) Under AIBP, Central Government provides project-wise allocation of grants to the States. Ministry of Water Resources/Central Water Commission field units are consistently monitoring the physical and financial progress of the projects under AIBP.

Plan for interlinking of rivers

†2004. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for interlinking the rivers of the country in the next Five Year Plan;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any plan to provide water in the regions which have constantly face drought and have scarcity of even the drinking water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission (CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas which comprises of two components, namely, Himalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Reivers Development Component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proplosals of NPP and to give concrete shape to it. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs.) Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. Further, Central Goverment entrusted the work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one of the link *viz* Ken-Betwa link under Peninsular Component to NWDA.

Implementation of any of the links under NPP is not envisaged during XI Plan. However, a provision of Rs. 220 crore has been proposed in XI plan for the works of balance FRs of links under NPP, Preparation of Pre Feabilility Reports (PFRs)/FRs of intrastate links as proposed by them, prepration of DPR of Ken-Betwa link & other priority links after the concurrence of concerned States etc., to be carried out by NWDA.

Progress in inter-linking of rivers

2005. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task of inter-linking of rivers in the country is going on as per schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments are not showing any interest to inter-link rivers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which all the rivers in the country are likely to be inter-linked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a), (b) and (e) Based on various studies conducted. NWDA has identified 30 links preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs.) Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component & 2 links (Indian portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. NWDA has taken up the work of Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link *viz.* Ken-Betwa under Peninsular Component. The